



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER



November 2026

The **Virbia Moth** is a common moth in North America. They are mostly nocturnal and often found in open fields. Their larvae are raised on hostplants like dandelions.

Westford Town Office

1713 Vermont Route 128 - Westford, Vermont 05494

Phone: (802)878-4587 Fax: (802)879-6503

<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

MID-TERM GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd at the Westford School (156 Brookside Road) from 7am-7pm.

Absentee Ballots: The State of Vermont sent absentee ballots to ALL ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS by mail at the end of September. New ballots are available if there were any issues with your mailed ballots, you'll just need to sign an affidavit voiding your state mailed ballot first.

Fire Truck Bond Re-Vote: The Selectboard wants to make the residents of Westford aware that the vote for the Fire Truck Bond did not meet full statutory requirements and requires a re-vote. The re-vote will occur during the general election in November. It will appear and be voted on via Australian Ballot. Please see the last page in this newsletter for more information on the Fire Truck Bond Re-Vote.

Further information about the General Election can be found here: <https://westfordvt.us/general-election/>. If you have any additional questions please reach out to the town clerk: townclerk@westfordvt.us or 802-878-4587.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The second of four installments is due Sunday, November 15th. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have an November 15th postmark (postal, FedEx, or UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the Town Office door before the office opens at 8:30am on Monday November 16th. The town accepts check, cash, card, and e-check payments. If you want to pay online there is an additional fee of 3% of the payment amount. You can pay online here:

<https://payments.municipipay.com/e2691fd0a00a11ea9b89410d8c3cf774/search/d758c93f7df128852252bfb8ce521fafae5ba7c9>

Please note – If you pay your taxes using Bill Pay (generating a check online through your financial institution), make sure you allow sufficient time for mailing. These envelopes do not bear a postmark therefore will be acknowledged by the date received at the Town Office not by the date on the check.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, November 23rd.



TOWN OFFICE NOTES (con.)

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Boy do we have a good deal for you !! Turkey dinner w/ all the fixings without the fuss of preparation and cleanup! Let our group of amazing volunteers serve you up a Thanksgiving meal amongst friends & neighbors. Any current/past Westford residents 55+ are encouraged to join us on Monday November 9th at the Brick Meeting House. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch to follow around 12 noon.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

** We respectfully ask you to pass on lunch if you are feeling ill. We want to keep folks healthy!

Co-Presidents **Mary Fay (878-1215) Cori Hill (238-1018)**

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public:

- Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4pm
- Friday, 8:30am-1pm

Closed:

- November 3: General Election
- November 26 & 27: Thanksgiving



FALL ROADS

What you need to know about fall road conditions

- **Tourists:** watch for tourists “leaf peeping”. They may be driving slowly or be in need of directions.
- **High Winds:** can damage trees which then may block roads. Come across a tree blocking the road? Give the town office a call!

Reminders:

- Several hunting seasons occur during fall. Watch for vehicles parked on the side of roads. Pedestrians and pets should wear orange/yellow reflective clothing.



CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

- **BROWNS RIVER COVERED BRIDGE REPAIRS**

Vermont Heavy Timber has begun repair work on the Browns River Covered Bridge. There may be times where traffic could be limited to one lane on Cambridge Road. Any disruption will be minimized as much as possible. Thank you for being patient while we fix up this wonderful, historic landmark.

Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids for Recycling

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club have placed collection boxes in the Westford Library & Westford Town Clerk's Office. The Collection Boxes are there for anyone that has used eyeglasses and used hearing aids.

A Season of Giving

Hello, it is that time of year again, the town is collecting monetary donations to purchase Hannaford gift cards for Westford residents in need. The gift cards provide recipients with the ability to purchase food and household items as needed and according to their personal preferences.

If you prefer, you can purchase the gift cards (ones that prohibit tobacco and alcohol purchases) yourself. Please mail or deliver your donation to the Town Office.

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If you know someone who would benefit from receiving a gift card, or you have any questions please contact the Town administrator, Tommy O'Connor at 802-878-4587 or townadmin@westfordvt.us.

Thanks, Westford Elves

WESTFORD TRAILS GOING THROUGH PRIVATE LAND CLOSED FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 13

On September 24th, the Selectboard of Westford voted to temporarily close:

Covey, Schultz, Seymour, & Goodrich Trails to the general public from November 1st through December 13th.

This temporary closure DOES NOT affect any person(s) with explicit rights of access or egress, nor does this closure affect any of those that are associated with the previously mentioned. The closure is to the general public.

Trails at Maple Shade and Misty Meadows will remain open fully.

The Town of Westford always encourages residents and visitors to exercise caution and care when utilizing the trails. We ask that all participants continue to respect the landowners that abut the trails, wear brightly colored clothing, and limit your impact by staying on the trail, pack out what you packed in, and travel respectfully.

Thank you.

COMMON USE POLICY

The Westford Common Committee wants to remind residents that any major use of the Common or gazebo requires an application. This does not apply to small gatherings like friends meeting for coffee or a couple of folks having a picnic. This policy has been implemented to avoid conflicts since the Common and gazebo are being utilized more. We ask all town organizations to also follow this procedure so the calendar will reflect all activities.

Here is a link to the application:

<https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Common-Use-Application-FILLABLE.pdf>

JOB OPENING

NOW HIRING: FULL-TIME ROAD CREW MEMBER



JOIN OUR TEAM & SERVE THE COMMUNITY

REQUIREMENTS:

- CDL Class B (preferred, minimum Class A requirement possible)
- Experience in heavy equipment operation
- Knowledge of road maintenance & snow
- High School Diploma/GED

BENEFITS:

- 4-day work week
- Clothing allowance
- Paid Time Off (Vacation/Sick)
- Supportive Team Environment

APPLY TODAY!

TOWN OF WESTFORD HIGHWAY DEPT
1713 VT RTE 128, WESTFORD, VT 05494

townadmin@westfordvt.us • www.westfordvt.us/careers-rfps/



Westford Halloween Walk organizers, in collaboration with Westford Recreation Department, present...

Westford Halloween Walk VII: A Clown Carnival

Saturday October 31, 2026
1:00pm to 3:00pm
on the Westford Common

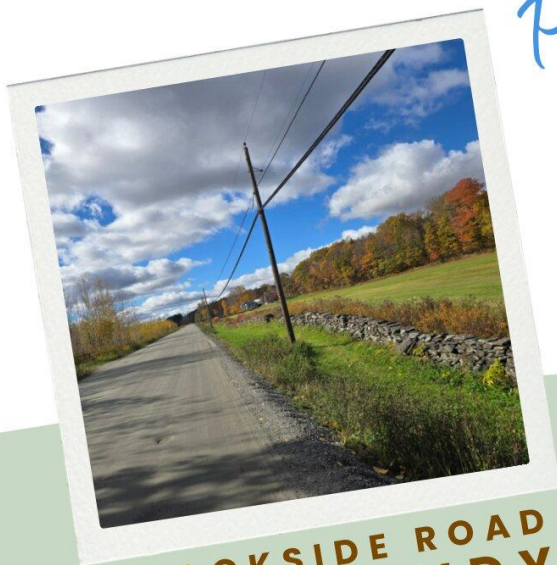


Come and park your broomsticks for a spooky **free trick-or-treat walk** for our Westford youngsters and young-at-heart folk, planned and (g)hosted by your friends and neighbors!

- Fill up your candy buckets on the Westford Common!
- Show off those twisted or gourd-eous costumes to all your fiends!
- Vote in our Spooky Table Decoration Contest!
- Hunt our carnival for 7 famous clowns and win a prize!
- Even more to come! Stay tuned on Front Porch Forum or visit our website at [Westford Halloween Walk](#) by scanning QR code:
- For any questions or if you would like to (g)host a table at our creepy clown carnival, email us at westfordhalloween@gmail.com.

Bring a non-perishable item for Westford Food Shelf if you can





**BROOKSIDE ROAD
PATH STUDY**

Please **SHARE YOUR INPUT!**

LOCAL CONCERNS PUBLIC MEETING **TUESDAY, NOV. 17 at 6:30 PM**

IN PERSON



**Westford
Elementary School**

146 Brookside Rd,
Westford, VT 05494

VIRTUAL



Via Zoom

ID: 979 4639 3520

Passcode: 6A5hvB

 ccrpcvt.org/brookside

ABOUT

The study will explore options for a path connection along Brookside Road between the Town Common and Westford Elementary School.



Share your experiences, concerns, and ideas to help shape the study's goals and guide the development of pathway alternatives.

All are welcome! Light refreshments will be provided.

CONTACT

Comments or questions?

Contact Eliana Fox:

efox@ccrpcvt.org

(802) 846-4490 x 136



**Project
website**



ccrpcvt.org/brookside



The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) will ensure its public meetings and materials are accessible to all. To request free interpretation, translation, assistive devices, or other reasonable accommodations, contact Emma Vaughn, CCRPC Title VI and ADA Coordinator, at 802-846-4490 ext. 121 or evaughn@ccrpcvt.org, at least 5 business days prior to the meeting when possible.

Westford Historical Society

NEWS FROM THE WESTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

If you haven't marked your calendars for the Jay Craven film, *Lost Nation*, it is time to do so, since it will be shown this Sunday, November 1st at the Common Hall at 4:00. We have had a lively discussion about parking, since many locals are aware space is very limited at the Hall. We have been given permission to park at the now closed Westford Provisions—both in front or behind the building (for this event) and at the 1705 property. Please come and enjoy the show and see what Jay Craven has to say about this new film and how it came to be.

Our small but dedicated group is looking ahead to the Winter Fest and will be raffling off a hand made quilt, syrup and more. Details to follow as we finalize the raffle. And, we are working with Vermont Humanities and will be lining up speakers for 2027. We appreciate the good turnout we have had with this past year's offerings and hope you will keep us in mind as we move forward in the new year.

Our advertised Saturday openings will cease until warmer weather but private viewings can easily be arranged by contacting Caroline Brown at 802-878-8890. And, if you happen to drive by and see our OPEN sign feel free to stop and visit. As always, new members and your new ideas are most welcome. For now we continue to meet at 2:00 on the 3rd Monday of the month at our building at 10 Common Road. And, as you do your end of year accounting, remember that the Westford Historical Society is a 501C3 organization and, as such, donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to the Westford Historical Society at P.O. Box 21, Westford, VT 05494.



WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

You can read the Westford School September Newsletter here:

<https://essexwestfordsdvt.edurooms.com/newsletters/westford-school/newsletters/westford-school-newsletter-october>

WESTFORD CEMETERY REMINDERS

Artificial flowers, glass containers and items with wire are NOT allowed in any of the Westford cemeteries. They will be subject to removal by cemetery officials. Also, **the planting of trees and shrubs is NOT permitted**. There are signs posted in each cemetery.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Westford Cemetery Commission

CEMETERY COMMISSION



On February 19th, 1746, John Lawrence was born in Norwich, Connecticut. His parents were Samuel Lawrence (1710-1759) and Mary Hibbard (1711-1760).

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, in Sheffield, Massachusetts, May of 1775, John was 29 years old, when he enlisted in a regiment command by Col. Fellows in Massachusetts for 10 months. It is noted that he had several fighting engagements in the Battle at Bunker Hill (June 1775). He continued to serve until March 1776 when he was discharged in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Sometime in May 1776, in Sheffield, Massachusetts he enlisted in the Company of Capt. Bartlett for 12 months. In an attack by the British in New York (in 1776). During this time, John almost lost his hearing entirely by the firing of a cannon near him. He continued to serve in that Corps until June 1777 and he was discharged in Highlands, New York.

At Lenox, Massachusetts in January of 1781, he enlisted for 3 more years until January 1784 when he was discharged at West Point, New York. He was enlisted up until the end of the Revolutionary War. He was no 38 years old.

After a few years John started travelling north. He was in Essex, Vermont when the 1790 census was taken and was in Westford for the 1800 census. He was among some of the "early Pioneer Settlers" of this area. In John's pension papers dated 1820, it states "wife aged 47", Abraham, Sophronia, James & John were living with him in Westford.

His wife passed away on January 23, 1838. John passed away the next year on February 15th at age 93. They are buried in the CookYard Cemetery, Westford, VT.

WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

TWANGTOWN PARAMOURS



SOPHISTICATED AMERICANA

-free will donation-

4 - 5 PM: WESTFORD COMMON HALL

SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Award-winning husband and wife duo, Mike T. Lewis and MaryBeth Zamer, known on stage as The Twangtown Paramours land in Westford for a much anticipated concert. Among the most popular musicians in recent years, they have developed a wide fanbase. Known for their well-crafted Americana, folk and blues anthems, top-notch lead singing and fine harmonies.

A pie raffle is included for extra fun! Call 802-734-8177 for more information.

THE BIRTH OF VERMONT. THE PROMISE OF AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

KEVIN RYAN AS

**ETHAN
ALLEN**

EVA NDACHI AS

**LUCY TERRY
PRINCE**

“Remarkable”

– *Vermont Public
Radio*

“Powerful”

– *Seven Days*

A NEW FILM BY

JAY CRAVEN

LOST NATION

INCLUDES Q & A WITH JAY CRAVEN

4PM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WESTFORD COMMON HALL

FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by the Westford Historical Society



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE

ESSEX WESTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

CELEBRATE

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Fall is in full swing across EWSD, with students learning, exploring new interests, and celebrating the people who make our schools special.

- Westford Halloween Walk: EWSD leaders, board members, and teachers joined the community for this fall tradition.
- Fall Concerts & Music: Students from ADL, Essex Middle School, and Essex High School performed in the Fall Prism choir concert.
- Learning at Westford: A look at October classroom projects, hands-on learning, and student discoveries - like Dot Day →
- Exploring Future Careers: ADL students explored CTE programs in HVAC and Natural Resources Mechanical.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Schools hosted conferences to connect families with teachers and discuss student progress.

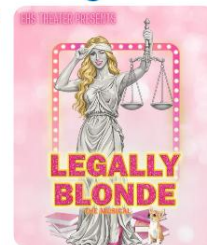


A LOOK AHEAD



SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.EWSD.ORG

- Support Westford PTO & Shop Local: Watch for details on the PTO's annual November Buy Local fundraiser supporting our school community and local businesses.
- Middle & High School Activities: Stay connected with District athletics, arts, and events, including:
 - Red Cross Blood Drive: November 20, 9 a.m.– 2:30 p.m., EHS Gym. Register at RedCrossBlood.org using code HORNETS or call: 1-800-733-2767
 - Legally Blonde: The Musical: November 19–21 at 7 p.m. and November 21 at 1 p.m., EHS Auditorium. Tickets: \$5 for students, \$10 for general admission; free for seniors with the EWSD All-Access Pass. Available online through the EHS Theater webpage or at the door.



- Explore the EWSD Website: Find school news, photos, achievements, and events at: ewsd.org

- Read School Board Newsletters: Get updates on Board discussions, decisions, and District priorities here.
- Get Involved: Follow School Board meetings, review agendas, and participate in discussions about our schools.

STAY CONNECTED



WWW.EWSD.ORG/SCHOOLBOARD

Holiday Craft Fair

THE WESTFORD SCHOOL
146 Brookside Rd. Westford

December 5, 9am-3pm

Get into the spirit of the season with a treasure trove of handmade crafts, baked goods, and festive finds! Browse, shop, and enjoy a cozy lunch featuring homemade soups—all while supporting local artists and the Westford School PTO.



westfordvtpto.org



November *Newsletter*

2026



Westford Music Series



Twangtown Paramours
Sunday, Nov. 15, 4-5pm

Nashville-based husband-and-wife duo, Mike T. Lewis and MaryBeth Zamer, known on stage as The Twangtown Paramours, have made a name for themselves defying boundaries with their award-winning catalogue of Soulful Folk, Blues, and Americana anthems.

With a slew of accolades for their four full-length albums, they've earned a loyal following, balancing serious instrumental and vocal chops with witty stage banter and a lighthearted approach to life. Their newest album, *The Wind Will Change Again*, is an acoustic Folk record consisting of a collection of songs that the press has called their best to date.

Lost Nation Film Screening

November 1st, 4-7pm

We're collaborating with the Westford Historical Society to bring Jay Craven's **Lost Nation** to the Common Hall on **November 1, 4-7pm**. This Revolutionary War-era drama set in the early Republic of Vermont weaves together two Vermont stories: Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys resisting New York's land claims, and African American poet Lucy Terry Prince fighting for her family in Vermont's courts.

Director Jay Craven will introduce the film and provide a Q&A afterwards. The event is **FREE**, thanks to a grant secured by the Westford Historical Society to cover the costs related to screening the film.



Cook for the Westford Turkey Trot! **Saturday, November 21st**

The runners of Westford and beyond are preparing to lace up their sneakers to participate in the Westford Turkey Trot, Saturday, November 21st!

We all know that running works up an appetite, so the Westford Common Hall is once again providing concessions at the Westford Elementary School and we're asking our valued cooks and bakers around town to help out! And, if you don't cook or bake but would like to contribute, we have other slots for donations of supplies.



Scan the QR code below to bake or cook for the Turkey Trot



All proceeds from concessions will go to help fund the WCH's continuing programs, events, and building improvements and upkeep.

WCH Calendar of Events

Bone Builders exercise class on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-11:15 am.

Westford's Buddhist meditation and study group meets at WCH every Sunday morning from 10:30 am -12 pm

Shaolin Kempo Karate Classes

- **Kids (6+):** Tuesdays, 6-7p
- **Teen & Adults:** Tuesdays, 7-8p

For more info email Jerod Richardson at j3rod.richardson@gmail.com

Pop-up Yoga classes: Summer Sunday morning classes have wrapped up; Look for announcements in FPF and social media for upcoming pop-ups, or Email info@westfordcommonhall.org

Nov. 1 Lost Nation Film Screening: We're collaborating with the Westford Historical Society to bring Jay Craven's Lost Nation to the Common Hall. 4-7pm.

Nov. 7 Comedy Night: Comedian Ian Paul will keep you in stitches at this fundraiser put on by The Barn School PTO. The event is 21+ and includes charcuterie and dessert boards. Cash bar! \$55 person. For tix, search eventbrite.com for "Big City Laughs, Dirt Road Commute"

November 21: Westford Turkey Trot Once again, the WCH will be slingging homemade soup, baked goods and beverages in Westford Elementary's gym during this annual race. All funds raised go towards our annual community programming.

Volunteer & Connect

**Love community events that bring people together?
Help us make more of them.**

Whether you serve coffee at an event, help shape what we plan next, or take a seat on the Board, you'll meet your neighbors and see your ideas come to life.

Pick what fits your time:

- Event volunteer: a few hours, now and then. Show up, help out, have fun.
- Planning team: brainstorm and organize programming with a small crew.
- Board of Directors: help steer the group's direction and big decisions.

Ready to jump in? Email deborah@westfordcommonhall.org and tell us what sounds good.

Not sure yet? Ask us anything. No commitment, no pressure. Your help is very needed to maintain our regular programming and building improvements and especially to do more for the community!

Westford Common Hall | PO Box 53 | Westford, VT 05494



Westford Music Series 2026/2027 Season

Sundays: 4-5 pm, Westford Common Hall
21 Brookside Road, Westford VT

November 15, 2026: Twangtown Paramours

December 11, 2026: *HOLIDAY CONCERT @7:00 pm, Fairfax Westford Band

December 20, 2026: Carol Ann Jones

January 3, 2027: Seamus Egan, Yann Falquet, Moira Smiley

January 24, 2027: The Vermont Mandolin Trio

February 21, 2027: Dave Roberts & Chicky Stolz

March 7, 2027: Spenser Lewis

April 4, 2027: The Buck Hollars

May 16, 2027: FREVO

“FREE WILL DONATION” for all concerts

See <https://westfordcommonhall.org/westford-music-series> for more info!



Westford

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

➤ Play. Learn. Get Involved. ➤



❄️ WINTER BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!

Love basketball? Make a difference!

We're looking for volunteer coaches for our winter basketball program. No experience needed — just a positive attitude and a willingness to help!



Go to our Facebook page or the Rec Department website to sign up for basketball and for more details!

Westford's Annual TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 21

➤ See you there! ➤

➤ SIGN UP TODAY! ➤

<https://www.runreg.com/13747>

➤ for the Turkey Trot! ➤



Have a program idea?

If you have a program you'd like to see in Westford, please email the Rec Dept at recreation@westfordvt.com



WESTFORD, VERMONT

TURKEY TROT



NOVEMBER 21, 2026

10:00 AM START | START LOCATION: WESTFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEATURING: 3K & 10K RUNS | KIDS FUN RUN

SPONSORED BY WESTFORD RECREATION

RUN FOR THE RINK



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

westfordpubliclibrary.org
(802) 878-5639
westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com
1717 Route 128, Westford, VT

The Library will be closed on Thursday November 26th and Friday November 27th for Thanksgiving. Thank you to the Patrons of the Westford Public Library.

****The Westford Public Library Puzzle Swap returns****

Puzzle Collection: November 16th through December 5th during open hours.

Puzzle Swapping December: December 8th through the 12th during open hours.

Get ready for winter with some new puzzles to enjoy by trading with your neighbors. Drop off your complete puzzles, with no missing pieces, between November 16th and December 5th. Come back between December 8th and 12th to find some new puzzles to enjoy this winter. The best selection will be earlier in the week. This is a free program, all puzzle levels will be accepted and welcomed, you do not need to drop off any puzzles to find new ones to take home.



Coffee and Cards: Every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12 pm. Come play cards at the library and socialize with your neighbors and library staff. All levels welcome.

Storytime: Thursdays: Meet at the library for Storytime with Miss Robin. We will have time to play and check out books after storytime is over. Sitting still is not a requirement for storytime attendance. No Storytime November 5th and 26th.

The Westford Mah Jongg Group meets most Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm. Adults welcome, including beginners. The group meets if there are enough players. Check with the Library on Wednesdays for the following day.

Makers Group meets Thursday November 5th from 6:30 to 8 pm. Bring any type of project to work on, share, laugh, collaborate, and craft with this open and welcoming group of makers and crafters.

Shakespeare Group:

Friday September 20th at 2 pm.

Come to the library ready to discuss The Winter's Tale. You don't need to be a Shakespeare expert to join this group as they discuss and learn from each other. Copies available at the library.



Library Hours and Closures

Tuesday 10 am to 7 pm
Wednesday 1 pm to 7 pm
Thursday 10 am to 7 pm
Friday 1 pm to 7 pm
Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

Closed November 26th and 27th



Book Requests:

Do you want to read a book published in the last year you think we should add to the collection? Come in and tell the director or send an email to:

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com



**WESTFORD
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

westfordpubliclibrary.org
(802) 878-5639
westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com
1717 Route 128, Westford, VT

November Book Group

Date: Wednesday November 18th

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Book: Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

Copies are available at the library. Finishing the book is not required to attend book club.



Henry, a Chinese American, remembers a young Japanese American girl from his childhood in the 1940s—Keiko Okabe... After Keiko and her family were evacuated to the internment camps, she and Henry could only hope that their promise to each other would be kept. Now, forty years later, Henry explores the hotel's basement for the Okabe family's belongings and for a long-lost object whose value he cannot even begin to measure. His search will take him on a journey to revisit the sacrifices he has made for family, for love, for country.

November Westford Public Library Programs and Events

Tuesday November 3: Coffee and Cards 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday November 5th: NO STORYTIME!

Thursday November 5: The Westford Mah Jongg Group meets if there are enough players. Check with the library the day before to verify they are meeting. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday November 10: Coffee and Cards 10:30AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday November 11: Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday November 12: Storytime 10:45 AM

Thursday November 12: The Westford Mah Jongg Group meets if there are enough players. Check with the library the day before to verify they are meeting. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday November 17 to Saturday December 5 during Library Open Hours: Puzzle Swap Drop Off

Tuesday November 17: Coffee and Cards 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday November 18: 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Book Group. Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Thursday November 19: Storytime 10:45 AM

Thursday November 19: The Westford Mah Jongg Group meets if there are enough players. Check with the library the day before to verify they are meeting. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Friday November 20: Shakespeare Group. The Winter's Tale

Tuesday November 24: Coffee and Cards 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday November 26: Library Closed

Friday November 27: Library Closed





TRASH, RECYCLING & FOOD SCRAPS IN WESTFORD

REMINDER: Trash is required to be out by 6am on your pick-up day per the town's contract with Myers.

Can I Recycle That?

Did you know that you are not supposed to put your recycling in plastic bags of any kind? The only exception to this is shredded office paper, which is accepted only if it's in a CLEAR BAG that's tightly closed.

Here are some other items that do NOT belong in your recycling bin:

- Dirty containers
- Plastic wrap
- Durable plastic (e.g., Tupperware, laundry bins, etc.)
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil or hazardous waste containers



For more information on the proper way to recycle, please visit <https://cswd.net/recycling/>. There is even an interesting video of a tour of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where your recycling goes to be sorted.

Food Scraps *(Effective July 1, 2020, per Act 148, food scraps are banned from landfills.)*

What are food scraps?

Food scraps are parts of food that are typically discarded rather than eaten: peels, rinds, cores, eggshells, seeds, pits, bones, shells, coffee grounds and filters, loose-leaf tea, and fats/oils/grease. Food scraps is also food that was eaten but not finished: "plate scraps" or leftovers that went bad. Any type of food can become food scraps including bread, pasta, soup, vegetables, fruit, sauces, meat, fish, dairy, sweets, etc.

What should I do with meat and bones?

If you compost in your yard, the law allows you to put meat and bones in the trash, so they don't attract animals to your composting bin. If you chose to bring food scraps to a drop-off center, you can include meat and bones with the rest of your food scraps.

CSWD has an abundance of information on their website including answers to questions, ways to reduce waste and how to compost to name a few. Please go to <https://cswd.net/scrapfoodwaste/> or call **872-8111** to get more information.

SEASONAL COMPOSTING TIPS: Fall

- Leaves and grass clippings are valuable compost materials because they are carbon rich. Add them in small batches to avoid matting (too many leaves clump together and slow down the compost process)
- Cover your pile or use an enclosed composter to keep things moist but not sodden. This will also deter pests like bears, raccoons, and mice.
- Other items that can go in your compost this time of year include wood ash and the skeletons of annual flowers & plants. Break down large-bodied plants like tomatoes and broccoli before adding them to your pile.
- Store compost material like leaves & grass in a burlap sack near your pile for adding with food scraps.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR HAULER

Myers has now set up a Facebook page for Westford specific trash & recycling communications! You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Westford-Waste-104918838111423>.



Fire Truck Bond Re~Vote

The Selectboard wants to make the residents of Westford aware that the vote for the Fire Truck Bond did not meet full statutory requirements and requires a re-vote.

The re-vote will occur during the general election in November. It will appear and be voted on via Australian Ballot. The reason for the re-vote is due to a failure to be properly warned.

In preparation for this vote the Town is working with the Town's Attorney to properly warn the bond vote. The residents of Westford will be seeing postings in paper publications, on many online forums, and during upcoming Selectboard meetings. The Selectboard will also host a public forum meeting to provide specific information as it pertains to the bond.

The two public forums will be on: September 29 @7pm at the Westford School and October 26 @7pm at the Westford School.

During the weeks leading up to the vote, residents can reach out to the Town Administrator for more information via townadmin@westfordvt.us

Thank you for your patience in this process.

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